

WASHINGTON LETTER

Heavy Withal of Gold—Presidential Possibilities—Blackburn's Deal is Off.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 5, 1895.

The American who can hear the Treasury officials talk about the gold reserve without experiencing a sense of humiliation has a queer make up. The officials never refer to the Secretary of the Treasury nor the administration, as having the power to keep the gold reserve intact, but always to their reliance upon the power of the foreign bond syndicate to protect the gold reserve. When asked about last week's heavy withdrawal of gold from the Treasury these officials say, "Oh, that's of no importance." They then proceed to inform you that the foreign bond syndicate would have prevented the withdrawal of that gold had it deemed it necessary to do so, and have the gall to add that the foreign bond syndicate has since last February bought and sold gold on the market, and protected the gold reserve. Do you understand what that statement means? Humiliating as it is, it means that the democratic administration, convinced of its own lack of financial ability, paid the foreign bond syndicate \$10,000,000—the profit on the bonds sold to the syndicate—to guarantee the protection of the gold reserve in the U. S. Treasury from February to October, and instead of being heartily ashamed of the disgraceful deal, the democratic officials actually float over it and constantly express their satisfaction over the bought protection they are enjoying. Secretary Carlisle felt so secure that he has with his own and one of his wife's friends gone on a junket through the Great Lakes, on a government light house tender. It is fortunate for the country that only two months will elapse from the expiration of the bought protection and disgraceful protection of the United States Treasury and the meeting of Congress. Republicans have never before been necessary to pay foreigners to maintain the credit of the U. S. and never will.

The Allison boom was brought to Washington a day or two ago, by Hon. J. N. Baldwin, of Council Bluffs, Iowa, who is a good talker, and who has it all fixed, in his own mind. He said: "I expect to see Senator Allison nominated and elected President. His 35 years' experience in Congress, his thorough knowledge of economic questions, his broad gauged ideas and conservative stand on all the great issues of the day present him to me as the man for the great office." Up to this point any good republican will agree with Mr. Baldwin, but in what follows many will not. "Mr. Allison is too far east," Governor McKinley represents a too extreme view of protection; Gen. Harrison has had his turn and acquitted himself nobly, but isn't in the book of destiny for him to inhabit the White House again. So it is apparent that all the distinguished mentioned Senator Allison takes precedence by reason of his superb qualifications and his availability." No republican would judge from what those who come to Washington have said, who object to Senator Allison as the party's candidate, that the election of Mr. Baldwin, with one of them have credited him with any chance for the nomination, except the event of a dead-lock between those who will enter the convention and more voters. This whole strength is in his being an ideal compromise candidate; but suppose no compromise needed?

DANVILLE LETTER.

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One of the grandest excursions of the season will leave this city Monday morning, August 12th, for Richmond, returning will leave Richmond, Tuesday night at 11 o'clock, August 13th. Any of our prominent citizens will find it a trip in it as it will no doubt be the most successful of the season, the fare for the round trip is \$1.75.

Any strange faces were seen in the city last Monday, the occasion being an excursion from Winston, N. C., run by the Twin City Lodge, No. 10, of Pythias. The excursionists seemed to enjoy their stay excellently with a few exceptions.

Much to our surprise this morning we met that fearless defender of the race, John Mitchell, Jr., in our city, and though his stay was short, we enjoyed it. Come again brother John, you are always welcome.

The High St. Baptist Sunday School will run their picnic excursion to the Reservoir Park, Monday, August 12th. A large crowd is expected to go, the fare is only 10 cents, and the picnic with dinner included is 35 cents, this does not prevent those who wish from carrying their baskets.

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